

## CARRANZA'S POWER WANES; OBREGON TO MEET SCOTT

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DECIDE COURSE  
OF GERMANY

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International News Service:  
WASHINGTON, April 24.—Ger-  
many's merchant prices and bank-  
ers, the men who have made the  
financing of the war to date possible,  
will have the last say in the rela-  
tions of that nation with the United  
States. Confidential advisers received  
here today show that the Kaiser and  
the imperial chancellor have sought  
advice from the big business men  
who have been directing the Ger-  
man financial policy. They are in-  
quiring what effect a diplomatic  
break with the United States will  
have on German economic future. It  
is expected here that upon this de-  
cision will hinge whether President  
Wilson's ultimatum will lead to the  
cessation of the submarine methods  
against merchant ships is accepted  
or rejected.

It was officially stated today that  
so far no authentic information has  
been received by Ambassador Gerard  
as to the expected stand of the Ger-  
man government.

Tell of Reception.  
He has sent a summary of editorial  
comment and a definite account of  
his reception at the Berlin foreign  
office. But he has emphasized that  
the decision of the German empire  
will be reached by the emperor him-  
self and that no one has any idea  
as yet what the decision will be.

It is understood here that by di-  
rection of the president, Ambassador  
Gerard has made it very plain to the  
German foreign office that this gov-  
ernment cannot consent to any long  
drawn out parleys over the latest  
note. It calls for a direct answer,  
the foreign office has been told, and  
nothing but such a reply will be re-  
ceived as satisfactory.

A matter of grave concern in official  
circles today was the reported  
sinking of four more vessels by Ger-  
man submarines. It is accepted  
everywhere as a fact if there is a  
single violation of American rights  
while the present negotiations are  
on, that as soon as the proof is in  
the hands of the state department,  
a diplomatic break will be ordered.  
Officials do not try to disguise their  
belief that this is the most serious  
outstanding danger at the present  
moment.

## Americans Not Afraid.

So far as the question of getting  
Americans out of Germany in case  
of a break is concerned, officials say  
there is no need to worry on that  
score. Emergency arrangements  
were made by Ambassador Gerard  
at the time the Lusitania was sunk,  
and these arrangements continue in  
effect. The Berlin embassy has  
plenty of emergency funds on hand.  
But, according to all advice reach-  
ing here, Americans consider them-  
selves perfectly safe under present  
conditions and are showing no desire  
to leave Germany at all.

## CHANCELLOR RETURNS.

BERLIN, April 24.—Dr. von Beth-  
man-Hollweg, the imperial chan-  
cellor, is expected to confer today  
with James W. Gerard, the United  
States ambassador, and it is believed  
that the German reply to the ultimatum  
of the United States will have been  
sent to Washington before 48 hours  
elapse.

Since the chancellor returned  
from great headquarters, where he  
conferred with the Kaiser, speculation  
as to the German reply has been  
general, but no one under-  
takes to prophesy definitely what attitude  
Germany would adopt.

Dr. von Jagow, the foreign min-  
ister, has a mass of data before him  
and it was considered likely that he,  
too, would confer with Mr. Gerard  
either today or this evening.

There was a disposition on the  
part of some to believe that Ger-  
many would make concessions if the  
United States would guarantee to  
exact concessions from the allies.  
Germany has contended all along  
that the British blockade is illegal  
and that the allies are just as guilty  
of infringements of the laws of hu-  
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RIVER REGULATION  
BEFORE CONGRESSNewlands-Broussard Measure  
Has Approval of Presi-  
dent and Cabinet.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—Lines  
were drawn in congress today for a  
battle royal over river regulation be-  
tween the supporters of the Hum-  
phreys-Ransdell bill and the advocates  
of the Newlands-Broussard bill.

The Newlands-Broussard bill  
drafted along the lines recommended  
to the president by Sec'y of the In-  
terior Lane, Sec'y of Commerce Red-  
field and Sec'y of Agriculture How-  
land, was introduced in the senate  
today by Sen. Newlands of Nevada,  
and in a condensed form in the  
house of representatives by Rep.  
Cresser of Ohio. The total ap-  
propriation made in the bill is \$60,000,  
of which \$25,000,000 goes to the  
lower Mississippi and Illinois rivers,  
constituting the route of the lake-  
to-the-gulf waterway.

The bill also appropriates \$5,000,  
000 to the Ohio; \$5,000,000 to the  
upper Mississippi; \$5,000,000 to the  
Missouri, the Arkansas and Red  
rivers, and other tributaries of the  
Mississippi; \$5,000,000 to the Atlan-  
tic coast and gulf rivers; \$5,000,000  
to the Columbia and Snake rivers;  
\$5,000,000 to the Sacramento and  
San Joaquin rivers, and \$5,000,000  
to the other California rivers and the  
Colorado river.

Would Create Council.  
The measure also would create a  
national waterways council, putting  
river regulation in the hands of the  
war, interior, commerce and agri-  
cultural departments, with the de-  
cision of eliminating the "pork"  
in river improvement appropriations  
by congress.

After failing to agree with Sen.  
Ransdell and Rep. Humphreys on  
the river regulation legislation, Sen.  
Newlands today gave out a statement  
denouncing the Ransdell-Humphreys  
bill as a "pork barrel" measure.

"It was most ungenerous," said  
Newlands, "to insist upon this old  
and objectionable piecemeal and  
pork barrel system being irrevocably  
imposed on all other sections of  
the United States while seeking  
for the Mississippi river alone a  
large appropriation as \$45,000,  
000, without any recognition of the  
sufferings of the people on many  
other flood rivers, such as the Savan-  
nah, the Brazos, the Ohio and its  
tributaries, the Arkansas, the Kan-  
sas, Iowa, Illinois and Missouri and  
Colorado rivers and many other  
flood menaced communities which  
might be named in the United  
States."

BUILD BOAT IN APARTMENT.  
NEW YORK, April 24.—John Pe-  
tersen built the detachable motor  
boat, Exasperation, 15 feet long and  
six feet wide, in the front room of  
his apartment and will launch it in  
pieces from a second story window.

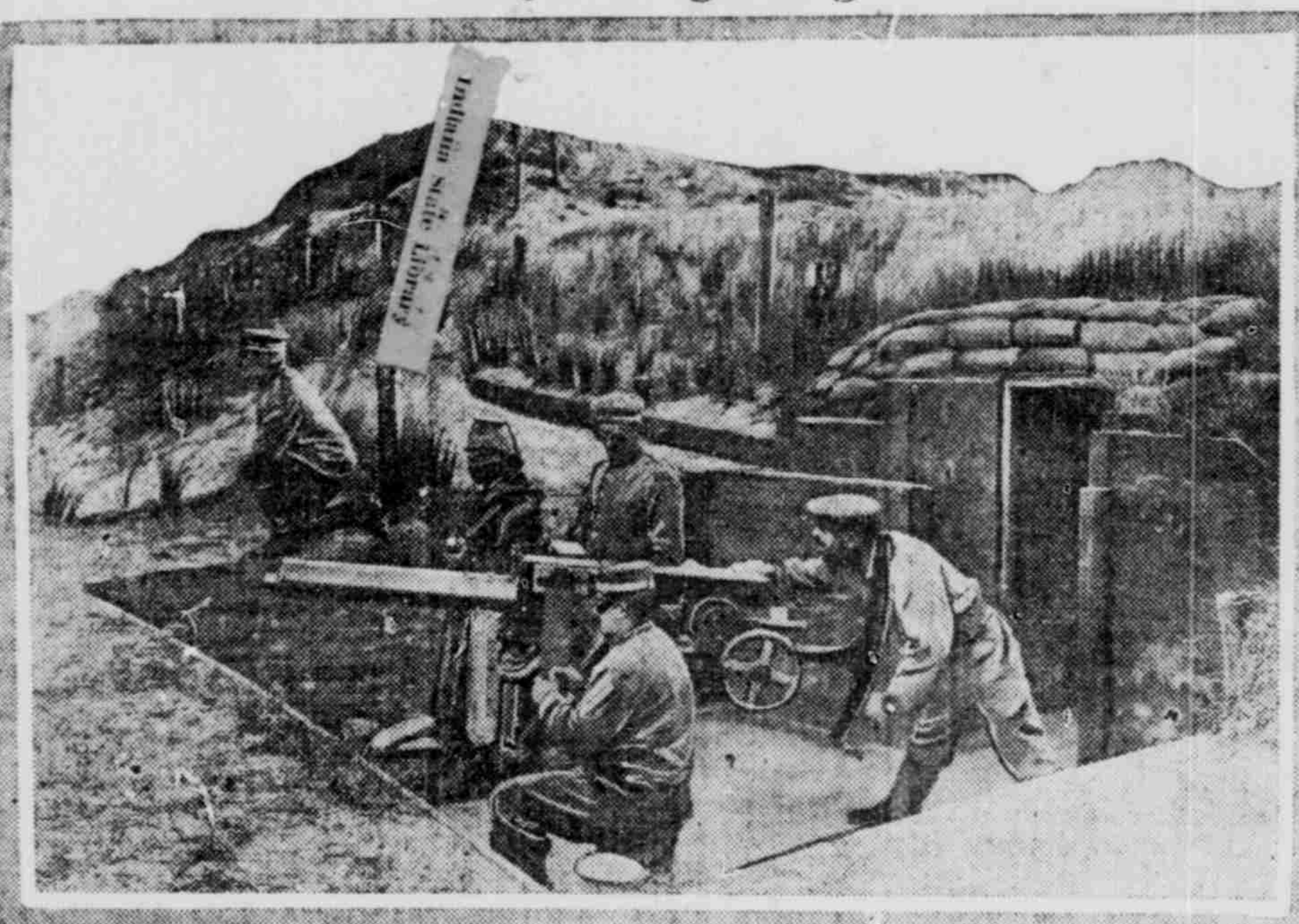
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welcomed and the matter  
remedied.

## Germans Defending Belgian Coast



COAST DEFENCE MACHINE GUN. © INTL. FILM SERVICE.

This photograph shows one of the coast defense stations constructed by the Germans in the sand dunes on the Belgian coast to repel attacks by English war vessels. The particular station is manned by German marines.

PITTSBURGH RIVEN  
BY LABOR BATTLE

24,000 Miners and 16,000  
Electrical Workers Are  
Out on Strike.

## International News Service:

PITTSBURGH, April 24.—Half  
the coal mines in the Pittsburgh  
district are idle today. Twenty-four  
thousand miners are on strike at 70  
mines. The men refused to work  
today because of the Pittsburgh Coal  
Co.'s failure to include the five per  
cent increase granted the bituminous  
miners in the interstate agreement  
reached in New York, in Saturday's  
payroll.

Other mines granted the increase  
and resumed operations as usual this  
morning. During the morning no  
disorder was reported at any of the  
mining communities and officers of  
the United Mine Workers say they  
expect none.

## International News Service:

PITTSBURGH, Pa., April 24.—  
Numerous clashes occurred today  
when 40 deputies guarding the East  
Pittsburgh plant of the Westing-  
house Electric and Mfg. Co., where  
16,000 men and women are on strike,  
attempted to disperse great crowds  
that gathered around the entrances.  
The deputies were roughly handled  
and many were forced to use their  
clubs to protect themselves.

When the doors to this plant were  
opened today the strikers again  
linked hands, forming a human  
chain about the entrances. The  
chain the deputies once succeeded in  
breaking, but it was re-formed and  
further attempts to sever it up to  
the time the doors were closed were  
futile.

All saloons in East Pittsburgh are  
closed today at the request of the  
authorities and the strike leaders.  
An effort is being made to prevent  
the shipment of liquor into the  
borough.

Fred H. Merrick, one of the strike  
leaders, in an address to the strikers  
today advised them to arm them-  
selves. He said he had learned the  
company intended bringing the state  
constabulary—"the cossacks," he  
called them. Blue steel revolvers, he  
said, would not flash so much and  
would be harder to detect. "And get  
plenty of ammunition," he said.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., April 24.—  
Entering the final week of the pres-  
ent wage scale contract, which ex-  
pires next Monday, officials of the  
street carmen's union and the Pitts-  
burgh Railway Co. renewed their  
conferences today. There are a  
number of minor demands, but the  
principal issue is the wage scale. A  
strike is in prospect if the company  
does not give ground.

In the Pittsburgh papers there ap-  
peared today an advertisement signed  
by 75 local firms which declare  
that "the undersigned, after due  
consideration, have unanimously de-  
cided that they will not reduce  
working hours in their respective  
shops."

Among the signers are the West-  
inghouse Electric and Mfg. Co., at  
whose plant 16,000 employees are  
now on strike; the Westinghouse  
Machine Co. and the Westinghouse  
Air Brake Co.

PROGRESS  
of the War

## International News Service:

BERLIN (via Sayville wireless),  
April 24.—Denial is made through  
the Overseas News agency that Rus-  
sia has made any peace overtures to  
Germany.

## International News Service:

LONDON, April 24.—A German  
aeroplane attempted today to raid  
the channel port of Dover. The  
war office announced this afternoon  
that the hostile machine had been  
driven off and that no damage was  
done.

## International News Service:

PARIS, April 24.—Further progress  
was made by the French offens-  
ive on the front northwest of Ver-  
dun last night.

In an attack with hand grenades  
in Caurettes woods, (west of the  
Meuse), the French took 30 prisoners.

Announcement of the French gain  
was contained in an official com-  
munique issued by the French war  
office today.

## International News Service:

BERLIN, April 24.—Attacks by  
the French on both sides of the  
Meuse river in the Verdun sector  
were repulsed by the Germans last  
night, it was announced by the war  
office today.

Northeast of Avocourt and east of  
Le Mort Homme (Dead Man's hill),  
French infantry assaults were  
launched against the German posi-  
tions, but all were failures.

East of the Meuse, near Thiaumont  
farm, the attack of the French,  
although very determined, broke  
down under the fire of the Germans.

## SOUVENIR SHELL EXPLODED.

WAKEFIELD, Mass., April 24.—  
While John H. Busch was picking  
up a steel instrument at a souvenir  
shop taken from the battleship  
Maine, which was blown up in Ha-  
vana harbor, the shell exploded,  
killing Busch and fatally injuring  
his young son.

## STEAL \$2,000 IN JEWELS.

CHICAGO, April 24.—Burglars  
early today broke through the sky-  
light of the Grand Jewelry Co. in  
12, 634 st., and escaped with jewels  
valued at \$2,000.

## ONE TROOPER KILLED.

NAMIQUEPA, Mexico (via radio  
to Columbus, N. M.), April  
24.—One American trooper was  
killed and three were wounded  
in an engagement on April 19  
between the band of Villistas  
and Maj. Howze's flying column  
of picked horsemen of the 11th  
cavalry, according to an official  
report made to Gen. Pershing  
by Maj. Howze on his arrival  
here today.

## TO AMEND BILL.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—  
The Burnett immigration bill  
probably will be amended as a  
result of the Japan protest  
against certain features of the  
measure, it was learned on high  
authority today.

## GET BRITAIN'S REPLY.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—  
Great Britain's reply to the

M'COMBS QUILTS  
AFTER CONVENTION

Chairman of Democratic Na-  
tional Committee Will De-  
cline New Term.

## International News Service:

WASHINGTON, April 24.—Wil-  
liam F. McCombs, chairman of the  
democratic national committee, has  
made it plain to President Wilson  
that he will be unable to serve, even  
though he might be chosen to do so,  
as chairman of the committee after  
the St. Louis convention. Mr. Mc-  
Combs communicated his intention  
to retire to the president and a let-  
ter expressing regret because he  
feels that he must take this step.

The elimination of Mr. McCombs  
has been foreseen for some time. At  
the time of the December meeting  
of the national committee it was re-  
ported that he planned to retire be-  
cause he was out of sympathy with  
the majority of the members. Mr. Mc-  
Combs, however, denied this and in-  
sisted that he would finish his  
term which ends when the new com-  
mittee, which meets immediately  
after the convention adjourns, or-  
ganizes. Officials here today and  
democratic politicians generally said  
that they believed McCombs would  
be succeeded by Fred Lynch of  
Minnesota, now chairman of the na-  
tional executive committee.

## RAN MULE CAR.

ANDERSON, Ind., April 24.—An  
"old time" resident has discovered  
that Dixon C. Williams, appointed  
Chicago postmaster by President Wil-  
son, operated the first mule car line here.  
He left Anderson when electric  
competition came in.

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## QUAKES IN BAILE.

SANTO DOMINGO, April 24.—  
Severe earthquake shocks  
caused heavy damage through-  
out the island of Haiti last  
night and early today. Com-  
munication with interior points  
was broken off and it is feared  
there has been a heavy loss of life.

## 1,130 ARE DROWNED.

SHANGHAI, April 24.—Addi-  
tional details of the sinking of  
the Chinese transport Hsin  
Yu, received here today, indi-  
cated that about 1,130 lives  
were lost instead of a thousand  
as originally reported.

ALL OFFICERS  
ARE RECALLED  
TO THEIR POSTS

Army and Navy in Active  
Preparations For Eventu-  
alities That May  
Arise Soon.

DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY  
DOESN'T COVER CRIMES

Atty. Gen. Gregory Rules Em-  
bassy Officials Cannot Es-  
cape if Evidence Shows  
Criminal Activity.

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Felix Diaz Rising  
To Mexican Power;  
Carranza Loses

International News Service:  
WASHINGTON, April 24.—The  
downfall of the Carranza rule in  
Mexico is in sight. Because of his  
attitude toward all of his advisers,  
officials declared today that there  
was little doubt that Venustiano  
Carranza will be succeeded as head  
of the de facto government, if in-  
deed he already has not been, in the  
very near future.

That it was learned upon the best  
of authority today, is the real reason  
why Sec'y of War Baker has con-  
sented to a re-distribution of the  
American punitive expedition in  
Mexico. This re-distribution will so  
place all of the American forces  
both in interior Mexico and all along  
the border, that they can take care  
of any situation that might arise.

And while Carranza's sun is set-  
ting, that of Felix Diaz and the men  
who are backing him in a new revo-  
lutionary movement, is rising. The  
nephew of the old dictator has un-  
limited funds behind the movement  
he is now heading to take over con-  
trol of Mexico. Much of this money  
was raised in the United States and  
administration officials know that  
when Diaz started for Havana he  
carried with him \$2,000,000 in gold  
and credits for five times that sum  
to aid him in his movement. If  
Diaz is able to overthrow Carranza  
and at the same time carry into his  
camp a large number of the Carranza  
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warm in their support of the "first  
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It is also known that Consul Gen.  
Rodgers again has been instructed to  
make it plain to Gen. Carranza that  
if his forces get Villa then the Amer-  
ican expedition will be withdrawn  
forthwith, but that it cannot be re-  
called while the bandit is at large  
and presumably recruiting a new  
and stronger band with which to at-  
tack Americans so soon as their  
guard is back beyond the Mexican  
border.

Carranza has demanded that the  
United States reply to his note de-  
manding the withdrawal of the  
American troops before he will dis-  
cuss any other matter, but there was  
a strong disposition in evidence in  
official quarters today to disregard  
this demand and to continue the  
pressure to have him meet the  
American viewpoint.

Although the regular cabinet  
meeting scheduled for tomorrow was  
called off because President Wilson  
has decided to go to Princeton to vote,  
he will get the views of Sec'y Lan-  
sing and Baker on the latest devel-  
opments in the Mexican situation  
before leaving, and will authorize  
such action as they deem best.

WANTS TO SEE WAR ENDED.  
NEW YORK, April 24.—Mrs. Mis-  
souri Hawkins, who has just cele-  
brated her 101st birthday, declares  
her greatest desire is not to live  
longer, but to see Europe's great war  
ended.

U. S. DECISION  
PUTS TROOPS  
IN GRAVE PERIL

Carranzistas Reported to  
Have Attacked Small Force  
of Americans Near  
Saturo Sunday.

FUNSTON IS LIKELY TO  
MAKE BORDER INSPECTION

Scott Remains in San Antonio  
But is Reticent Upon Object  
of Retaining Troops  
in Mexico.

## SAN ANTONIO, Texas, April

24.—Maj. Gen. Hugh L. Scott,  
chief of staff of the United  
States army, will confer at  
Eagle Pass, Texas, with Gen.  
Alvaro Obregon, minister of war  
in the Carranza cabinet. Official  
announcement of this fact was  
made at Fort Sam Houston  
today.

The result of this conference  
is expected to determine the fu-  
ture attitude of the American  
government with reference to  
keeping American troops in  
Mexico and continuing the  
hunt for Francisco Villa.

## International News Service:

WASHINGTON, April 24.—  
Alarming reports of open Carranza  
hostility toward the American  
troops in Mexico reached the border  
today. A rumor was brought from  
Juarez early today that a large force  
of Carranza troops attacked a small  
body of American soldiers near  
Saturo Sunday and that in the  
battle which followed many were  
killed or injured.

Attempts to confirm this rumor at  
Gen. Gavira's headquarters in Juarez  
failed, the Carranza leader stating  
that he had received no "official"  
word of any conflict.

Saturo is north of Parral and in  
the point to which the American  
troops fell back after the bloody en-  
counter at Parral.

The Mexican situation is now en-  
tering its second and more serious  
phase. The decision of the United  
States government to keep up the  
hunt for Francisco Villa in defiance  
of the demands of the de facto  
Mexican government is expected to  
force the hand of the Mexican of-  
ficials.

Warns Americans.  
Complete evidence of this was  
given by